

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that Claims 11-20 are pending in the application, Claims 12-20 are withdrawn from consideration and Claim 11 is rejected. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends Claim 11.

Applicant continues to disagree with the Examiner's restriction requirement.

Applicant submits that amended Claim 11; the amended paragraphs; and the arguments that follow overcome any objections and rejections hereto and place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant amends paragraph 2, page 5; paragraph 5, page 8; and paragraph 3, page 9 to more clearly define Applicant's invention. No new matter is added.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejects Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, has possession of the claimed invention. The Examiner further states that the disclosure does not support the step of "shifting said doctor blade chamber device between a first position transferring ink or damp to a roller being connected with an impression cylinder of the printing unit to a second position without engagement with said roller to control application of lacquer and water to the roller".

Applicant has amended Claim 11 to clarify that the "ink unit" is "engaged" and "disengaged" as stated in Applicant's specification on page 7, lines 24-32. Therefore the Examiner's rejection is now moot. Applicant has now overcome the Examiner's subject matter rejection. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Patent Office rejects Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by *EP 0,574,124*. Further the Examiner states that '124 teaches the method of operating a doctor blade chamber device 60 as claimed including shifting the doctor blade chamber device 60 between a first position contacting roller 42 to transfer a coating liquid to roller 42 and a second position to be completely disengaged from roller 42 to stop transferring

the coating liquid. The Examiner goes on to say that the coating liquid is defined to include varnish, lacquer, dye, moisturizers and ink.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's finding of anticipation in light of amended Claim 11. Applicant's amended Claim 11 now clarifies that the "inking unit" is "disengaged" then "engaged" from contact with the cylinder. The Examiner has cited a reference that moves the "doctor blade" from being "disengaged" and "engaged". Applicant is moving the "inking unit" not the "doctor blade".

According to the Federal Circuit, "anticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under consideration." *W.L. Gore & Assoc. v. Garlock, Inc.*, 410 USPQ 303, 313 (Fed. Cir. 1983). It is not enough, however, that the reference disclose all the claimed elements in isolation. Rather, as stated by the Federal Circuit, the prior art reference must disclose each element of the claimed invention "arranged as in the claims." *Lindermann Maschinenfabrik GmbH v. American Hoist & Derrick Co.*, 240 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984).

Applicant believes the present invention's features are neither disclosed nor suggested in combination with Applicant's structural relationships by any of the cited references nor any art of record. Further one of ordinary skill in the art would not know or be motivated to combine Applicant's novel features with Applicant's unique structural relationships.

Further Applicant has now amended independent method Claim 11 to more clearly define Applicant's new, useful and unobvious method of operation of a printing and printing unit for offset machine.

Applicant is moving the "inking unit" and not the "doctor blade". Applicant believes this feature in combination with Applicant's other novel features is neither disclosed nor suggested by any one or any combination of the cited references nor would a skilled artisan know of Applicant's combination, cooperation and interaction.

Since Applicant's invention is not anticipated by any art of record, the rejected claim under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) has been overcome and should be withdrawn. Notice to that effect is requested.

In light of the foregoing response all the outstanding objections and rejections of record have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,



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TITLE: METHOD OF OPERATION OF A)
PRINTING UNIT AND PRINTING)
UNIT FOR OFFSET MACHINE)

VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIM 11

11. A method of operating [doctor blade chamber device in] a printing unit in an offset machine, [wherein] the printing unit [has] having a doctor blade chamber device, the method comprising the [step] steps of:

[shifting said doctor blade chamber device between a first position transferring ink or damp to a roller being connected with an impression cylinder of the printing unit to a second position without engagement with said roller to control application of lacquer water to the roller].

disengaging an inking unit from contact with a cylinder when the doctor blade chamber device of the printing unit is applying lacquer; and
engaging the inking unit to be in contact with the cylinder when the doctor blade chamber device of the printing unit is applying water.